

Salo Finland, May 9th 2006 - Benefon Oyj ("Benefon") announced today that it has signed an agreement, under which Benefon will acquire from DataArt Technologies UK, services of a team of software development engineers based in St. Petersburg, Russia. The team is exclusively subcontracted for Benefon.

Benefon will integrate the engineers into its Mobile Navigation business while preserving the team's focus on designing solutions that offer users the best in GPS software and applications. Located in St. Petersburg, the team will become a new product development center for Benefon specialising in the development of high-end mobile navigation solutions.

"This provides Benefon with another highly skilled R&D team and high-tech facility. This is further indication of Benefon's continued commitment to the mobile navigation business and the start of it's continued investment in developing a world class R&D team", said Simon Button, Chief Technology Officer, Benefon.

"With Benefon, this team will have a chance to flourish and help transform the way people experience mobile navigation. Benefon's strength in Europe has based on its commitment to helping customers through value-added services and this team will be a vital part of that," said Peter Atalla, CEO of DataArt.

The DataArt organisation consists of highly educated software developers, who have a wealth of experience in navigation software development. All the team hold Degrees and a high proportion have a Masters Degree and or a PHD from some of Russia's top universities including the St. Petersburg State University. "Benefon is pleased to welcome the DataArt research and development team and their recognised expertise in designing mobile solutions. This is a very significant step in securing the ongoing development of our products", told Jonathan Bate, President and CEO of Benefon.

### **About Benefon**

Founded in 1988 in Finland by the early GSM pioneers, BENEFON is a leader in GSM/GPS mobile telematics terminals and solutions. Benefon is now at the forefront of innovation and research in mobile telephony and GPS navigation. It is now with the birth of TWIG that BENEFON is able to truly offer the world a navigation system and a series of TWIG handsets that can be easily understood and enjoyed in both professional and leisure contexts. For more information please visit: [www.benefon.com](http://www.benefon.com) or [www.twigme.com](http://www.twigme.com)

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